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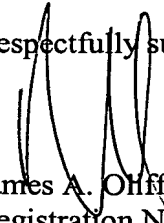
Claims 1-10 are pending. Claims 1-9 were allowed in the February 14, 2005 Notice of Allowance. By this Amendment, claim 10 is added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) with Form PTO-1449 was filed in the above-captioned patent application on March 1, 2005. Applicant has not yet received from the Examiner a copy of the Form PTO-1449 initialed to acknowledge the fact that the Examiner has considered the disclosed information. The Examiner is requested to initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the PTO-1449. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of that form is attached to this Amendment.

In view of the foregoing, this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-10 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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